

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The army is in occupation of 115.19 acres of land in Sing Chung village. A joint military civilian survey by a Board of Officers to resolve land encroachment issues was carried out in May, 2003. Formal acquisition of land has not yet been completed. Therefore, the question of benefits being given to land donors does not arise.

Military exercise between India and US

2302. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tri-services military exercises are being planned between Indian and US armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such military exercises are being planned with armed forces of other countries?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir. Tri-services military exercises are not being planned between the armed forces of the two countries.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Presently, there is no proposal for such military exercises with armed forces of other countries.

Shortage of IL-76 aircraft

†2303. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about half of the IL-76 aircrafts of Indian Air Force are not worth flying;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to meet the shortage of these aircrafts?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.